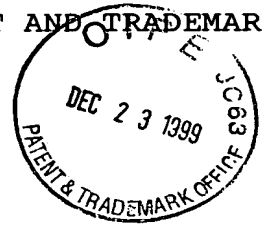


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 23, 1999

Sir:

In supplement to the preliminary amendment filed on
November 12, 1999, please further amend the above-identified
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Please cancel new claims 30-40 and 42 without prejudice
or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is being filed in accordance with
the recommendation of Administrative Patent Judge Lee during a
telephone conference conducted on December 17, 1999 between
Judge Lee and representatives of all parties in Interference
No. 104,331. During the telephone conference, the recent
decision of Winter et al. v. Fujita et al. decided on November
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